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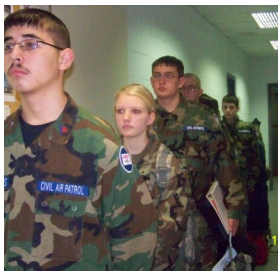
From the Commander



Hello Everyone, welcome to all of you that are from out of state. I hope everyone had a good trip. I am excited to see all of you. We have a full schedule ahead of us this week packed full of fun activities. My goal this week is that everyone leaves here with a better understanding of discipline, teamwork, honor and excellence. The days ahead may prove to be challenging and possibly even seem difficult or impossible; furthermore, I encourage you to look for the best in every situation you face this week versus the easier way which is to find the negative. Attitude will be your greatest asset or your greatest weakness. John Maxell wrote a book titled "The Difference Maker" where he describes in depth that your attitude can make all the difference in your success or failure. Many high ranking cadets and former cadets always remember their basic encampment either good or bad; I encourage you to make this experience one that you remember positively. Your bunk-mate and fellow flight members will all be going through the same experience you are, so encourage each other and help each other as much as possible. Remember you are here to learn so keep an open mind and remember "It's not what you know, it's what you do with what you know" - Unknown. C/Lt Col Mitch Edwards, CAP Cadet Commander

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Arrival
- Welcoming Briefing
- Uniforms Class
- Customs and Courtesies
- Pre Test
- Safety
- Drill



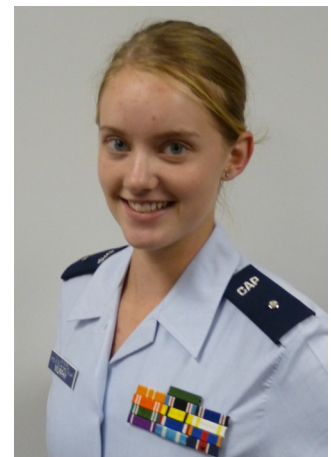
Senior Spotlight

C/2Lt Rachel Murphy

Staff position: Alpha Flight Commander

Favorite Part of Encampment: The Lt enjoys watching her flight grow and progress as the week goes by.

She advises the cadets to move quickly. "Don't sacrifice quality for speed."





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- Safety

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Day 1—Arrival

On the day after Christmas, my parents gave to me, Kansas Wing Winter Encampment. After traveling several hours on snow and ice covered roads passing the time counting cars in the ditch and reciting the cadet creed, we safely arrived at Salina, KS. We went through in-processing, and were then quickly ushered into the bay area to be put into our flight group and then to jump right into this opportunity that we have been given to better ourselves both as individuals and as cadets functioning as a team. In the Mess Hall we were taught general uniform basics by C/Maj Eaton. Major Rick Franz gave us a warm welcome and told us that he had been in our boots back in 1968 (ask him about making brownies in a trash can for 500 cadets) and that this is his 17th Encampment. What does Hoorah mean? Anything but "No"! The Commandant of Cadets Captain Lahan told us to work as a

team and be safe. C/Lt Col Mitchell Edwards told us that "this is your family." We were introduced to the support staff and told that they are here to enforce teamwork, discipline, honor and excellence. It is one chain of command all the way down. We were taken through a course on Customs and Courtesies by C/ Capt Adam Murphy. Topics included how to greet an officer, and cadets volunteered to demonstrate. The staff is here to help us become better leaders-the CAP Cadet training period is to train us. They look out for us, and we should pay our respect back. Helpful hints during ANY activity: don't fall asleep, don't rest your head on your hand, and stay focused on the speaker. The afternoon was filled with learning and drilling. There are many wonderful activities planned for this week. We had a Safety Briefing by Lt Col Eric Shappee on "The Stupid Things that People Do"-

ouch! We won't soon forget some of the clips we were shown. We also were timely reminded of The Cold Stress Equation. The Six Steps of the Operational Risk Management Process were introduced and we were given homework to do in our spare time. Do you remember:

1. Identify the hazards
2. Assess the risks
3. Analyze the risk control measures
4. Make control decisions
5. Risk control implementation
6. Supervise and review.

Note: This process is continually updating as you go! We were given a lot of information today and will look forward to the days ahead!



Cadets during in-processing

